

REMARKS

Claims 21-39 are pending in this application. Claims 1-7 and 15-20 are canceled; and new claims 21-39 are added.

Applicants would like to thank the Examiner and the Examiner's supervisor for the courtesy extended during the telephonic interview on October 17, 2007. During the interview, the Examiner and applicants' representatives discussed applicants' techniques, the Chen reference, and proposed claim amendments.

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-7 and 15-20 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Chen and Barber, alone or in combination with another reference. Although applicants have canceled these claims, applicants would like to make the following observations related to the newly added claims.

Applicants' techniques are directed to permitting a user to configure a drawing software module to access multiple graphic libraries. For example, a user may configure the drawing software module to access a graphic library outside of the software module, such as a graphic library on an enterprise network, in addition to a graphic library that is built in to the software module. To locate a desired graphic, a user enters a search term that describes the graphic. In addition, the user selects at least one of the graphic libraries that the software module has been configured to access. Applicants' techniques identify one or more graphics in the selected graphic libraries that match the search term, display metadata associated with the graphics to the user, and allow the user to select one of the graphics for insertion onto a drawing page of the drawing software module.

Under the approach of prior graphic systems, if a graphic library built in to a drawing software module does not contain a graphic desired by a user, the user typically searches graphic libraries outside of the software module for the graphic. That is, the user conducts an additional search. If a graphic is found in a graphic library outside of the software module, the user may import the graphic into the software module and then insert it onto a

drawing page of the software module. Applicants' techniques expand the graphic libraries that are available to a user via the drawing software module. The drawing software module is configured to access additional graphic libraries, and the user can search multiple graphic libraries (both those built in to the software module and those outside of the software module) with a single search request submitted by the user.

Claims 21-29 recite "configuring by a user the drawing software module to access graphic libraries." Claims 30-39 recite "configuring by a user the drawing software program to access graphic databases." None of the cited references disclose or suggest "configuring by a user the drawing software module [or program] to access graphic libraries [or databases]" as recited.

In addition, claims 21-29 recite "receiving from the user ... a selection of at least one of the graphic libraries that the drawing software module has been configured to access." Claims 30-39 recite "receiving from the user ... a selection of at least one of the graphic databases that the drawing software program has been configured to access." None of the cited references disclose or suggest "receiving from the user ... a selection of at least one of the graphic libraries [or databases] that the drawing software module [or program] has been configured to access" as recited.

In view of the above response, applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance. The Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned representative by telephone with any questions. Applicant believes the required fee is

being paid with this response. However, if any additional fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 50-0665, under Order No. 418268834US from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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